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Apparatus for the launch and recover of boats (48), submersibles and the like includes a support surface (182) and a mounting means for attachment to a fixed structure. The apparatus is rendered buoyant in the water, for example by including inflatable and deflatable members (130, 132).